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SUBJECT: OAS HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON CHILE:

PRESS GUIDANCE

- 1. FOLLOWING IS CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR DEPT'S NOON BRIEFING DECEMBER 9. NO QUESTIONS AROSE.
- Q. THE OAS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION REPORT ON CHILE DOCUMENTS THE MOST REPULSIVE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. DOESN'T THIS SHOW THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN COVERING UP ALL ALONG FOR THE CHILEAN MILITARY DICTATORSHIP?
- A. WE HAVE EXAMINED THE REPORT. THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE OAS HAS REQUESTED THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO THE NEXT OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ORDER TO CONSIDER THE OBSERVATIONS OF THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT ON THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPORT. THE PERMANENT COUNCIL HAS ALSO AGREED TO TRANSMIT

TO THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE COMMISSION'S REPORT, THE CHILEAN RESPONSE, AND ANY ADDITIONAL MATERIAL OR MODIFICATIONS THAT THE COMMISSION MAY PRESENT IN THE LIGHT OF THE CHILEAN RESPONSE.

AS FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S POSITION, WE OF COURSE DEPLORE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHEREVER THEY OCCUR. WE WELCOME PUBLIC COMMITMENTS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE TO

OBSERVE INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO THE OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. WE HAVE REMINDED THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT OF THESE COMMITMENTS AND VERY MUCH HOPE THEY WILL BE HONORED.

2. WASHINGTON POST AND NEW YORK TIMES STORIES ON OASHRC REPORT AND GOC REBUTTAL TRANSMITTED VIA USIA WIRELESS FILE. INGERSOLL

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